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The Honorable Bruce Hamilton Chairman Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board 625 Indiana Avenue, SW, Suite 700 Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Hamilton:

SUBJECT:

Department of Energy Savannah River Site (DOE-SR) H-Canyon Exhaust

(HCAEX) Tunnel (Your Letter Dated, December 7, 2018).

On behalf of Secretary Brouillette, I have been asked to respond to your December 7, 2018, request to be briefed and receive a copy of the Department of Energy Savannah River Site (DOE-SR) H-Canyon Exhaust (HCAEX) Tunnel evaluation addressing the ability of the HCAEX Tunnel to perform its function as a post-seismic safety class control structure.

Enclosed is the Safety Evaluation Report (SER) approving the removal of the HCAEX Tunnel as a post-seismic safety class control. The revised H-Canyon Documented Safety Analysis has already been transmitted to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) via the normal document request process.

DOE-SR is working with the Office of the Departmental Representative to the DNFSB to schedule a briefing with the Board to discuss the SER and associated analysis and look forward to doing so at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Michael Mikolanis, Assistant Manager for Nuclear Material Stabilization, at (803) 208-2927.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Budney

Savannah River Site Manager

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Enclosure:

DOE-SR approval letter with SER

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Mr. Stuart A. MacVean, President & CEO Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC Building 730-1B, Rm. 333 Aiken, South Carolina 29808

Dear Mr. MacVean:

SUBJECT: Approval of H-Canyon Documented Safety Analysis (DSA) Revision 14, and

Technical Safety Requirements (TSR) Revision 14

REFERENCE: Letter, Easterson to Mikolanis, Re-Transmittal of H-Canyon DSA Revision 14,

and TSR Revision 14 (Letter dated, 09/30/19)

The Department of Energy (DOE) Savannah River Operations Office has reviewed the subject documents transmitted for approval by the referenced letter. Based on the enclosed Safety Evaluation Report (SER) the documents are hereby approved. We recognize that implementation completion will exceed the standard 90 days after approval.

The action taken herein is considered to be within the scope of the existing contract and does not authorize the Contractor to incur any additional costs or delay delivery to the Government. If the Contractor considers that carrying out this action will increase contract costs, delay any delivery, or require the submission of a baseline change proposal, the Contractor shall not implement this technical direction and shall promptly notify the Contractor Officer's Representative orally, confirming and explaining the notification in writing to the Contracting Officer within five (5) working days. Following submission of the written impact analysis, the Contractor shall await further direction from the Contracting Officer. If the Contractor accepts the direction contained herein, then the Contractor waives any right to an equitable adjustment under the Contract arising from the technical direction.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or have your staff contact John Smartt at 8-3455.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Budney

Savannah River Site Manager

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Enclosure: DOE SER

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